

Dear FDA,

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This letter is referring to docket #98N-1038
"Irradiation in the production, processing,
and handling of food".

Please do not change the size of the logo
indicating irradiated food and do not
remove the radiation disclosure
statement or change the wording by
eliminating the words "radiation or
irradiation".

When shopping I want to be able to
identify easily if a product has been
irradiated. I want to choose if I
purchase that product or not. A
weakened labeling law would
no longer leave that choice up to me.
As long as food and food products
are being irradiated they should be
clearly labeled. Any food labeled
organic should not have been
subjected to irradiation process.
There should be no expiration date
for labeling requirements.

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As a registered nurse and consumer I don't purchase these products as the irradiation process results in a loss of vitamins and kills the friendly bacteria and enzymes.

There also are no long term (20 - 30 year) studies of the effect of eating these types of foods on humans.

Do not change the current label requirements and don't put an expiration date on requiring labels.

Let each consumer make their own choices based on clear labels not reduced size logos and alternative wording.

Sincerely,

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